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WATCH-MAKERS AND JEWELLERS.
NEW SELECTIONS OF
DIAMOND JEWELLERY AND ENGLISH SILVER WARE.
HIGH-CLASS GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES.
LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SPECTACLES.
PINCENES AND EYE PRESERVES.
FALCONER & Co. ARE AGENTS FOR ROSS'S FAMOUS TELESCOPES AND
BINOCULARS, LORD KELVIN'S NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
ADMIRALTY CHARTS AND BOOKS.
EASTMAN'S KODAKS AND FILMS.
64, QUEEN'S ROAD.

M. MUMEYA,
JAPANESE ARTIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER.
ENLARGEMENTS ON BROMIDE PAPER
AND FINISHED IN CRAYON.
ALL KINDS OF WORK DONE FOR AMATEURS.
64, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

JAPAN COALS.
MITSUMI BUSSAN KAISHA.
(MITSUMI & CO.)
HEAD OFFICE—1, SHIBUYA-CHO, TOKYO.
LONDON BRANCH—24, LIME STREET, E.C.
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New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy,
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CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Arsenal and the
State Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and
Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.
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SOLE AGENTS for Hokkaido, Honshu, Kanagawa, Fukuoka, Yamaguchi, Mameda, Mannoura,
Ogura, Otsu, Sasahara, Tsurukura, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yonokibara, and other
Coals.
S. MINAMI, Manager, Hongkong.

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MELLIN'S FOOD
For INFANTS and INVALIDS.
MELLIN'S FOOD is free from starch.
When prepared is similar to Breast Milk.
MELLIN'S FOOD WORKS, PECKHAM, LONDON, ENGLAND.

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OF THE LIVER.
The value of ENO'S 'FRUIT SALT' cannot be told.
Its success in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australia,
and New Zealand proves it. THERE IS NO DOUBT
THAT where it has been taken in the earliest stages of
a Disorder, it has, in innumerable instances, PREVENTED
what would otherwise have been a SERIOUS ILLNESS.
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Gentle Medicine for
Infants, Children,
Delicate Females,
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Sickliest of Patients.

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AUSTRALIAN BUTTER
in 1lb, 2lb, 3lb, and of other sizes made to
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All Orders will be carefully attended to.
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No. 6, D'Almeida Street, Hongkong,
37 & 39, Elgin Road, Kowloon.
Hongkong, December 19, 1904. 1487

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To be had in all respectable wholesale and retail provision Import Houses.

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which applies to all Branch Offices and
Hongkong and Shanghai Agencies.
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NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE, KARATSU
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Shanghai, Hankow, Singapore, Manila,
North China, Korean ports and America.
SOLE PROPRIETORS of Takashima,
Ochi, Shinon, Nanyu and Kani-
Yamada Collieries, and also Hejo Colliery,
which will be ready to produce on a large
scale the best Japan Coal from 1905.
Sole Agents for Nigro, Komatsu (Tagawa)
and Matsushima Coals.
The Head and Branch Offices and the
Agencies of the Company will receive any
order for Coals produced from the above
Collieries.
Coal sold in 1903 by the Company
amounted to 1,910,000 tons.

TAKASHIMA COAL.
New and additional sheds at the Takashima
Colliery have been completed and
this well-known best and most economical
steam coal in the East is now produced in
abundance, and can be supplied in any
quantity.
Hongkong, February 14, 1905. 777

PURE LINSEED OIL
Awarded Bronze Medal at the Paris
Exhibition, 1900.
Gold Medal at the Indian Industrial
Exhibition 1893, 1900 & 1901.
MANUFACTURED BY
THE GOREPORE CO., LD.,
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Contractors to the Military and
Public Works Departments,
State Railways, and all
large Consumers
throughout India, the East,
and the Colonies.
W. R. LUXLEY & Co.,
Sole Agents,
Hongkong.
Cable Address "LUXLEY," Hongkong.
Hongkong, July 22, 1903. 1519

NOTICE.
MR. A. H. W. of Messrs Cheong Cheong
& Co. of Yokohama, Bankers, etc., has
been appointed a Director of the
Public Works Department of the
Government of Hongkong, and is
authorized to execute all kinds of
General and Special Works, and
to receive all orders for the same.
All Orders will be attended to and
executed in the shortest time, and the
Firm hopes to be favoured with the kind
patronage of the Public.
Hongkong, December 5, 1904. 2101

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No. 52 AND 53, PRAYA EAST.
ALL Work done in this Establishment
is promptly executed. Neatness a
Specialty. Ironing and Washing done by
experienced Japanese. PRICES MODERATE.
G. MONYÉ, Proprietor.
Hongkong, February 13, 1905. 308

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AH-PONG.
SHIP AND HOUSE PAINTER.
GILDER, GRAINER, AND SCRAPER, CARPENTER
AND CARPENTER.
No. 44, DES VUEX ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, February 20, 1905. 363

THE PO YICK COY.
CONTRACTORS & HOUSEBUILDERS.
No. 259, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WANCHAI.
CONTRACTORS to H.B.M.'s War Dept.
Carpenters and Admiralty. We keep
always in Stock a Large Supply of Timber
at Reasonable Prices.
Hongkong, February 16, 1905. 337

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
THIS NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are
prepared, during suspension of their
Trans-Pacific Service and until further
notice, to load Cargo and issue Bills of
Lading to "SEITAI," "WASU," "VIC-
TORIA," "B.C.," and "PAI LING" COAST
PORTS, also to OVERLAND POINTS
in the UNITED STATES and CANADA
in connection with the GREAT NORTH-
WESTERN RAILWAY from SEATTLE as
bitherto, by the Steamers of the NORTH-
WEST PACIFIC S.S. COY. POSTON
STEAMSHIP and TOWBOAT COYS.
OCEAN S.S. COY. and CHINA MUTUAL
S.S. COY.
For further Particulars, apply at the
Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's
Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.
A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.
Hongkong, May 29, 1904. 231

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ZETLAND LODGE.
No. 625, E.C. 4.
A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND
LODGE will be held at FREEMASONS
HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March
inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, February 21, 1905. 388

**THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN CO.,
LIMITED.**
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS will be held in the CITY
HALL, on FRIDAY, the 10th March, at
2.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors and the Statement
of Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1904.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the
10th March, both days inclusive.
EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 22, 1905. 379

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LD.**
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company, will be
held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY,
Pender's Street, on MONDAY, the 6th
day of MARCH, 1905, at 11.30 a.m., to
receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1904, and the Report of the
General Managers, and to elect a Con-
sulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 20th
February, to the 6th March both days
inclusive.
JARDINE MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 27, 1905. 571

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in the Company will be held at the COM-
PANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road
Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the
9th March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the
purpose of receiving a Statement of Ac-
counts and the Report of the Directors for
the year ending 31st December, 1904.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 24th in-
st., to the 9th proximo, both days inclusive.
By Order,
C. PEMBERTON,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 9, 1905. 574

**KWONG HEP LOONG
Co., Ltd.**
SHIPBUILDERS AND ENGINEERS.
BOILER MAKERS, BRASS AND
IRON FOUNDERS.
Office:—No. 64, DES VUEX ROAD
CENTRAL.

TO LET.
A FURNISHED ROOM, with Board, from
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He Knows That
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Obtainable at all Dealers
M. J. CONNELL
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Hongkong, February 8, 1905. 1876

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THE CANTON-HANKOW LINE.

Paris, Jan. 14.
Information from Brussels reaching the
highest quarters here is to the effect that
the extensive interests of King Leopold
in the Canton-Hankow Railroad have pas-
sed into the hands of representatives of Mr
J. Pierpont Morgan of New York. Nego-
tiations had been going on for some time,
as it was contemplated to combine French,
Belgian, and American interests so as to
eventually cover the Franco-Belgian con-
cession for a line from Peking to Hankow,
thus making a continuous trunk line from
Peking to Canton, cutting from north to
south through the heart of populous China.
The extent of this project is compared by
those familiar with the negotiations with
the trans-continental line connecting New
York and San Francisco. That portion of
the project relating to Peking and Hankow
is still in abeyance, but the French view
appears favourable to combining the inter-
ests so as to make a continuous route from
the capital to the great emporium in the
south. That portion relating to the Han-
kow Canton Railroad is considered to have
been closed by the transference of the
interests of which the personal holdings of
King Leopold make up the largest part of
Morgan's. This branch of the negotiations
was conducted at Brussels.

FREIGHT CIRCULAR.

Messrs Lamke and Rogge reported for
the Mail of Saturday:—

The freight market during the past fort-
night has again not been characterised by
much activity, only a moderate amount of
business having been transacted.

From Saigon to this port the season has
opened and some engagements are on record
at rates ranging from 13 to 17 cents per picul
according to size of steamer for immediate
loading. Quite lately the local rice market
has gone down and in consequence a some-
what weaker feeling is perceptible. Clos-
ing quotations stand at about 10 cents per
picul.

From Saigon to Philippine ports a couple
of charters have been effected at 29 and 31
cents respectively. For the time being there
appears to be no further inquiry.

The Bangkok market is so far without
animation and as chartering has come to
naught.

As far as Northern business is concerned,
things are unchanged, it being too early in
the season yet to say anything definite
about prospects.

Coal freights have continued weak and
there is hardly any demand for tonnage.
On time charter basis ton fixtures have
been concluded, the "Uly" to fill some
special requirement and "Nord" being in-
tended for ordinary coasting trade.

The American ship "Manuel Laguna,"
recently arrived here from Chefoo, has
been chartered elsewhere for load for Balti-
more and New York.

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF
CHINA, LTD.**

The Directors of the above Company will
report to the fourteenth ordinary annual
general meeting of shareholders to be held
at the Offices of the Bank, Victoria Build-
ings, on Saturday, March 18 at noon as
follows:

The reduction of our capital having been
sanctioned by the Court the annexed state-
ment of Assets and Liabilities gives effect
to the altered position.

The gross profits are \$235,303.10, which,
after deducting all charges and allowing for
bad and doubtful debts leaves a balance of
\$114,288.51, from which has to be deducted
(\$750) \$7,619.95 payment to Founders and
\$5,000.00 the probable costs of Petition for
Reduction of Capital, leaving a clear
balance of \$101,679.48. This, under pre-
sent circumstances, the Board do not re-
commend should be paid in dividend but
that \$59,911.20 be added to the Reserve
Fund, making it \$200,000 and the balance
\$41,768.28 carried forward to next Account.

After the general meeting the Shareholders
will take the opinion of the Shareholders
as to subscribing additional Capital or call-
ing up the unpaid balance of 25 per share.

The permanent Director, Mr. Chan Kit
Shan, vacated his seat and Mr. Kwan Kong
Kui was elected an ordinary Director in
his place. Mr. Evans was re-elected a
Director in the place of Mr. Harrison and on
the departure of Mr. Julius Focke to Swatow
Mr. Harrison was re-elected; these changes
will require your confirmation.

You will be asked to elect Mr. Horata
Mocata to the London Committee in the
place of Mr. John Buttery, who does not
seek re-election.

Mr. Harrison retires in rotation from the
Head Office Board and being eligible for
re-election offers himself accordingly.

The accounts of the Head Office have
been audited by Mr. A. R. Low, Chartered
Accountant, and Mr. J. E. Bingham,
F.A.C.A. (N.Z.). The latter was appointed
owing to Mr. R. O. Wilcox leaving the
Colonies. Messrs Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths
and Co., Chartered Accountants, audited
the London Accounts as usual.

CHINESE YOUNG MEN.
ATTENTION!

Do you want to earn more money in
your present position? Do you want to
get a better position? Do you want to
become a more useful citizen? There is
only one way to accomplish these ends, and
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General Memoranda.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1905.

AT THE FRONT.

THE news of the Russian defeat in the big engagement which is now apparently being fought in the region of the Shaho will be regarded as a calamity pure and simple by all those who have had faith in the power of the army under General Kuropatkin to turn the scales of war in favour of Russia. Notwithstanding the crushing defeat which the Russians have been subjected to from the commencement of the land campaign on the Yalu River in April last it has always been declared in certain quarters that the fullest revenge would yet be taken and Japan would be made to pay even unto the uttermost for the ill-gained victories which she has so far won. It was hoped that the frozen fields near the Shaho would be the scene of the striking of the Japanese colours, and the upturning of those of the Tsar. Even Colonel Gaidke, the famous German military expert, wrote in January that the Russians would be able to taste of the success that has so long been denied them, when operations were resumed. He pointed out that General Kuropatkin had been reinforced by large numbers of better fighting men than those which he had previously handled, and in addition to the improvement in the morale of the troops thus obtained, 'the prestige of the Russian army and the duty it owes towards the Russian nation also make it incumbent on the Russians to resume the offensive in order to repel the Japanese advance, and, if favoured by fortune, to annihilate the Japanese army on Manchurian soil. The Russian Commander-in-Chief could, the Colonel added, either utilize the present moment, before the arrival of the besieging forces from Port Arthur, for this purpose, or wait until the end of April, when the roads will be in a better condition, and when his superiority will be far greater. Singularly enough General Kuropatkin adopted the former scheme about the time when this was published, and what was the result? His initial moves were slightly successful, but immediately the Japanese troops pulled themselves together for a supreme effort they fought throughout blinding blizzards never ceasing until they had regained their lost positions and captured, as interest, a few of those previously occupied by their foes. Kuropatkin failed to do what was expected of him. Then there came a lull, but like all things, that came to an end, and during the past week we have been conscious of big things between the armies, though only the most meagre details have trickled through. But they have shown that even yet the Japanese are victorious, and our special cablegram to-day must completely dispel the idea that the Russians are easily going to stem the strong tide of defeat. So far they have not even been able to repel the Japanese advance, and the hope of being fortunate enough to annihilate the army seems to be a distant dream. The boot seems to be on the other foot. Reuter's correspondent with General Kuropatkin tells us that the Japanese have succeeded in capturing the outlying Russian positions and now threaten the main defences; and, that being so, it can be taken for granted—that the result of past 'threatenings' can be accepted as any criterion—that the Russian forces will ere long suffer a calamitous reverse. Though snowstorms rage and blizzards blow it matters little to the Japanese troops. The majority of those now engaged were specially trained for fighting under such conditions, having been brought up to their soldiering in the bleak snow-covered prefectures of the far north of Japan. There they have bivouacked and manoeuvred in all seasons, and there they have learned to endure the very

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THE IRISH CHARACTER.

Mr May as a Humourist.

The Hon. Mr. F. H. May delivered an interesting address on "Irish Character" at last evening's meeting of the Odd Fellows' Society, held in the City Hall. Major-General Villiers-Hutton presided and there was a good attendance of members and their friends. Mr. May's address was a lengthy one touching on various phases of the Irish character and created a great deal of mirth. We give some of his humour.

Speaking of superstition Mr. May said that his countrymen's superstitions were just as laughable as those of the Chinese. He remembered the last occasion on which he went fishing before leaving home. They got up very early in the morning and on the road passed a woman with abundant and very red hair. He noticed the hair and with him came himself, but took no further heed of the incident. Luck was against him all day; he hooked three salmon without landing one, and as the last slipped off the hook and he was lamenting his ill-luck, he expected any luck after passing a woman with a head of hair like that, and so early in the morning?

Sometimes when people were ill and would not speak they were supposed to have been stolen by fairies, who had substituted one of themselves in the sick person's place. Fairy doctors were resorted to, to cure this sickness, sometimes with remarkable results. He knew one man who was supposed to have been stolen by fairies when he was young and when, when he grew up, believed it himself and told many stories of what he had heard and seen while in the spirit world. In fact, he was generally such a funny little man that no one was ever sure whether he was a fairy or not.

He knew of a case of a young married woman who had fallen ill and was taken to a doctor but the latter was not very concerned about her case. Somehow her husband became suspicious that the fairies had something to do with the illness. A fairy doctor was consulted and provided some medicine which was to be given to the woman. A little while later a friend came to inquire how she was progressing and arrived just as her husband was giving the medicine. On hearing the door he heard the latter saying, "Away you go, away you go," and on going into the room saw that the husband and four strong men were holding the unfortunate woman over the kitchen fire. The husband was putting questions to her which had been prescribed by the fairy doctor as a test. As this treatment did not produce the desired results some kerosene was poured over the unfortunate creature and she was burnt to death in the presence of her people. It was needless to dwell on how the crime was found out and the suspicious people punished.

There was a suspicion amongst the Irish that the last person to be buried in a graveyard would have to carry water for the souls of those who had been buried before but were still in purgatory. On one occasion two funerals were approaching a cemetery and seemed likely to get there almost together when a lot of young men seized one coffin and, running over some fields with it, threw it over the graveyard fence and thus claimed priority of burial. This was considered, by the other side, to be a sharp practice and a scrimmage ensued in which heads were broken and other funerals followed.

The Irish, like the Chinese, liked to be buried amongst their own people, in the same churchyard. He knew of a case where a churchyard was full and a new one had been laid out. An old woman who was dying remembered this and asked where she was to be buried, and on being told very gently that it would be in the new yard, was greatly grieved and protested, saying, "Would you bury me in that lone some cold place, where there isn't a bone or a bit of dust of any of my relations?" She was so distressed that special arrangements had to be made and she was promised burial in the old yard.

It was the custom amongst the Irish to give a dowry with a girl when she married. This girl's dowry was spoken of as £100 girls and £200 or £300 girls. Speaking to a young man once about a girl he had just married a friend said, "I don't know what you can see in that girl, why she gives herself as many airs as a four hundred pound girl."

It was believed by many that any one who died on Christmas Eve would go straight to Heaven. In one instance a man was on his death bed on Christmas Eve but it was doubtful whether he would pass away before midnight or not so his wife and daughter quickly took a pillow and smothered him just as the clock struck 12. That was not murder, and to the credit of Irish justice no one was ever punished for it.

The belief in the banshee, said Mr. May, was still strong, even amongst well educated people. A brother of a college friend of his being ill he inquired how he was and received the reply, "He has no chance of recovery at all, the banshee was crying all round the house last night."

Of course everyone had heard of the "Blarney Stone" of which it was said that whoever kissed it would become a member of parliament or obtain some similar distinction. It was wonderful how many people, particularly English ladies, used to go to Blarney Castle every year to kiss the stone and in some cases it was remarked that it did not have the expected effect. But very few of these people ever kissed the real stone which was four feet below the parapet of the castle, and as visitors would have to be suspended by their heels head down, it is not to be seen. But not a great number could have really kissed it. He was sure that if they did so they would become members of parliament.

A good cure for whooping-cough, called by the Irish, "chin cough," was to pass the child under a donkey three times. But there were donkeys and donkeys, and some were no use at all while others were very efficacious, so it came about that a man who had a good donkey could make a living by going round to different villages to cure the children. One such that he knew of used to travel round, and cry out, "Come and be cured under my ass for the chin cough."

An Irishman who was on his deathbed and had made his peace with God through the priest, confessed at the last moment that he was not a Catholic but a Protestant. The priest asked what it was and, exhausted,

him not to let it worry him in his last moments. "Oh, it's nothing that is on my conscience," was the reply. "You remember that fight three years ago. Well, I had me finger on the trigger of a gun the whole time and something came over me and I didn't pull it and I have been sorry for it ever since."

On another occasion an English lady while travelling in Ireland, was surprised to see a little boy running after her carriage with nothing on but a very dirty coat. After he had been following for some time she said to the coachman, "Is it not terrible to see a poor little boy running after us like that with nothing on but his coat?" And why do you suppose that he has no trousers on, was the reply. "I suppose his parents have not the decency to provide him with trousers," the lady replied. "That's not it at all," said the coachman, "he's so ticklish that he could never be got to stand while they measured him."

Superstition often led people to say that the devil was the owner of certain property in Ireland. A visitor once commenting on this said, "It seems to me that the devil is the principal landlord in these parts." "Well," replied the peasant, "he is an absentee like the rest of them anyhow."

Mr. May spoke of a case in which a party of young men while enjoying themselves one night, conspired to clip one of their number's hair off with horse clippers while he was asleep. He had left instructions to be called early next morning and on going to the clock tower exclaimed, "Ye Gods, you have called the wrong man."

In another instance a house in which an Irishman was sleeping caught fire, and jumping up, hastily out of bed he put his trousers on back to front. On going down stairs he fell over a landing and on being picked up was asked if he was hurt. "No," he replied, "but (looking at his trousers) I'm afraid that I am most fatally twisted."

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The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-sixth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Managers, on Monday, March 6, at 11.30 a.m.:

1904 ACCOUNT.—This account shows a profit of \$302,222.22 which sum, subject to the approval of the shareholders, is proposed to be dealt with as follows, viz.:—
Dividend of \$34 per share \$30,222.22
Addition to Reserve Fund \$2,722.22
\$32,944.44

1904 ACCOUNT.—The balance at credit of this account is \$230,372.63.
MORTGAGES.—From the reports and valuations made by the Company's surveyors, the General Managers and Consulting Committee are satisfied that the properties held by the Company form ample security for the advances made.

CONSTRUCTIVE COMMITTEE.—Mr. J. H. Lewis having resigned Mr. H. P. White was appointed to take his place and this appointment requires the confirmation of shareholders. The present members are: Mr. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs F. Matland, A. J. Raymond and H. P. White retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

ATTORNEYS.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs W. S. Watson Potts and Thos. Arnold, the latter in place of Mr. R. C. Wilcox, who has left the Colony, and their re-election is recommended.

JARVIS, MATTHEW & CO.,
General Managers.
HONGKONG, 25th February.

LANDLORD V. TENANT.

The Wear and Tear of Furniture.

An interesting case was heard in the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, this morning, before the Puisne Judge, Mr. T. Sercombe Smith.

Mr. A. Ritchie, owner of "Holyrood," Macau Road, Kowloon, let his house from April 1st, 1904, to December 31, 1904, to Mr. A. Shneider, and on taking the premises over again found certain articles missing or damaged. The total value amounted to \$65.75, and for this amount he sued the late occupier. Defendant paid into Court \$48.25, but disputed the balance, \$17.50. Mr. M. J. D. Stephens appeared for the plaintiff, while defendant was represented by Mr. E. J. Crist.

Mr. Ritchie stated that when he let the premises the furniture was in perfect condition. A table cloth which he had had for two or three years had not a single hole in it, but had simply one small ink stain on it. When he resumed possession of the house he found the table cloth full of holes and torn. That table cloth he valued at \$20. There were also three Japanese flower pots in the house in April last, now there was only one. Defendant had paid into Court fifty cents on that account, but still one was missing. In one bedroom there were four chairs; one of these chairs now had no bottom in it. It was in good order when he left, having only been re-seated a year or so previously. There used to be a looking glass hanging in the bathroom, but that he could not find, while a zinc bath had had the handle broken off and part of the side smashed. The bath was in perfect condition when he let the house. Two feather pillows were missing. Defendant had sent a chair to his wife stating that he was returning one of the pillows, but the pillow left the chair and not the pillow. A long lounge chair frame was also broken. Plaintiff demanded that it had been thrown over the balcony after burglary. When plaintiff returned last December he arranged to take possession on January 2 and wrote to defendant to check the inventory with him of that evening. Defendant denied receiving the letter. As defendant did not even take plaintiff checked the inventory with his wife.

Mr. Crist cross-examined plaintiff at length. Plaintiff stated that he expected a table cloth to last for twenty years in every day use.

Mr. Crist—You are a somewhat expectant person.

And further evidence was led judgment for plaintiff for \$55 was delivered.

Defendant brought a cross-action for \$75, being three months' rent of tenancy contract, which was included in the lease, but was not ready for use until three months' after the date of taking over the house. Judgment was delivered for the defendant in this action, that is for the plaintiff in the first action.

GOSSIP FROM SHANGHAI.

[BY THE NONEXISTENT.]

"City Fathers" sounds a loving, appreciative term, but I am afraid Shanghai does not bandy it about in so fair an aspect, but muddled up old fogies is more often meant, but I want to say a good word for them. I woke up the other morning and there was snow four inches deep, real, solid snow, guaranteed to develop into muddy slush when the foot had made some acquaintance with it. Indeed I shivered with grim foreboding as I thought of the London streets and their dirty dreariness after a fall of a brief ten minutes, but the Municipal Council summoned out the coolies in their hundreds and before the sun of a noon-time could complete the havoc of the pedestrian these coolies had carted away the snow, deposited it in adjacent creeks, and the roads and footpaths were fair to look upon and dry for cold feet, and the blessings poured upon the governors of our affairs must have wiped out many of the curses so freely given on other occasions.

Ladies and golf are still exciting deep public interest, and men sit about, smoke their pipes and chuckle. They wonder why a game they have always found so soothing, no matter whether the play is for or against them, should assume such a warlike appearance when the gentler members of the world's inhabitants should put their strength the one against the other. One lady has adopted strange methods of retaliation, once more demonstrating the power of the pen. She happens to write for a local publication and this is how she proves that she and not her opponent is right. There was a dispute over two points in a round which she was playing and her decision was ruled out, so in her next article, she tells how meekly she received the fiat, went home, turned up a book on the subject, and then flatly declares that it was not she who erred and that in fact she is one more sufferer on the altar of misdirected justice. Never mind, she has had the last word, because no editor would dare to publish a letter sent in reply not altogether complimentary to his lady contributor.

Well, the great handicap of the Paper Hunting world has come and gone and been qualified as a record of success, and indeed some of the riding was very fine, and the distance between first and second so small that interest was unusually keen, but there has been one very objectionable feature which has been much deplored. These Paper Hunts are such truly enjoyable events that it is a pity the slightest thing should be allowed to mar their good name, and it is to be deplored that the hitting on the result should have developed into nothing more than a usual hand up by the money tightness of the Chinese New Year, sought to re-establish themselves by a successful speculation, and the sporting element was quite in the background when compared with the gambling propensities of riders and onlookers. "Poor chap, I hope he wins, it's his only chance of getting straight" is not a nice expression to overhear, and the whole social sport is sunk into a vulgar material gain or loss which is not my idea of "playing the game."

I do not know how the Hongkong Post Office rates its stipend, but I hope for your sake, Mr. Editor, it is a little broader and more inclined to sensible methods of conducting business. I do not see an absurdity for the Post Office to send a special notice that there is a newspaper or two awaiting you at the Post Office, which is understood, and that when you like to send and collect it and pay the extra fee, it will be delivered. Talk about red tape and the sleepiness of Government departments, but this is beyond the region of even British idleness. If they take the trouble to send a notice, surely he could be trusted to deliver the letter on receipt of the surcharge, and should it happen that once in ninety-nine cases, the extra cost was not paid, would the Post Office suffer any very tremendous loss. I think the young gentlemen employed there, by their long intervals of rest by carefully weighing every circular, newspaper and letter that wanders through, and I suppose it is hopeless to convince them their energy might be devoted to more remunerative occupation.

With invidious and ever increasing force the Japanese are claiming the Broadway and its bystreets as their own particular depot for Japanese Curio shops, and it is wonderful how marvelously quick their numbers have increased. They had their can do well here, and after the solitary pioneer is assured of the success of his enterprise, he sends for his wife, his mother and his aunt, and now we have a very considerable colony of these comely, clean, and polite little men and women. The refugees down from Port Arthur bear them no ill will, and two Japanese who conduct a small fair on chiefly soap and other commodities that the least observant amongst us seem painfully aware were highly necessary, did a roaring trade. Their politeness is charming, and you do not stop to hangle over prices, but at the same time, their word in business transactions has not the same weight as the Chinese.

Although as yet no official note has been issued, Shanghai is very pleased to hear that Mr. John Goodnow, the American Consul General, has successfully secured clearance of the charges which he wanted to see to Washington to refuse. Mr. Goodnow has rendered so much tangible good to the Settlement that we should be most grateful not to recognise him as a friend, and in my opinion there is something very commendable in bringing charges of a personal character against a public man. So long as he merits the confidence reposed in him as the wielder of the power attached to his office, he should be allowed to lead his own private life free from the criticisms of those on whom his affairs have no bearing, and even sympathies still would have been shown by Mr. Goodnow. Rumour has it that he will take up a post at the end of March in Cuba, and there will be many friends sincerely to deplore his departure.

SPORTING.

ROGUEY FOOTBALL.

Yesterday afternoon the Hongkong Football Club defeated a Naval team by eleven points to three, after a game which, though entertaining to the spectators, was somewhat loose.

As is usual, the Club players were again late, and arrived on the ground as it best suited them. The Naval men were there bright and early but had to hang round waiting for the Hongkong men. Finally a start was made, the Club having only fifteen men.

The ball was kicked off by Chard and was sent out near the twenty-five. After loose play Super picked up the ball and sent nearly to Pearce, who passed to Macnamara. The latter took the ball well, then knocked on, and split a favourable opening. Shortly afterwards Chard found the ball and sent across to Pearce, who passed to Macnamara. The latter ran well, then passed to Kempthorne, who transferred the ball to Pearce when in danger, and the latter scored the first try of the match. He failed to kick the goal. Again the Club attacked and the ball went over the Navy's line, being forced. The Navy then began to attack and despite being repulsed time after time, they continued their onslaught. B-toman showed well in the attack, and was continually to the front. From near the twenty-five the Naval ball panted and followed on. Macdonald, the Club's full-back, failed to take the ball, and two Navy forwards rushed across the line, scoring a try. The kick at goal failed and both teams were level. The rest of the first half was fairly even, play being loose and free. Bateman, running with the ball, sent Boyd, a weak Club player, flying, with a fairly light push, but a minute later B-toman was down.

After half time the Club livened up and Chard opened the scoring by getting across, giving the Club a lead of three points. While in the lead the Club steadied off a bit and for a while the Navy showed up very well, Banbow doing a fine run. The Naval men were on the offensive for a considerable spell, but could not pass the Club's three quarters, who were defending well, though their playing was none of the best. Pearce gave Jordan a chance which the latter availed himself of, by springing towards the Club's goal. He succeeded in reaching the line and scored.

This time Pearce converted into a goal, and the Club led by eleven points to three. This was the final score. The Club put up a very fair game, but although they showed excellent form in patches they did not sustain that form, falling away repeatedly. The halves were in good fettle and kept the three quarters well supplied, so that there was no lack of opportunities.

ASSOCIATION—SHIELD TIE.

H.M.S. "Glorious" and H.M.S. "Ocean" met in their shield tie yesterday afternoon for the second time.

"Glorious" by 4 goals to 2. From the opening stage the "Glorious" was on the offensive and attacked by the right then by the left. After a few minutes play the "Ocean" men settled down to heavy work and kept their opponents much busy. They gave and took play fairly evenly, the "Glorious" being worked up to a great pitch. Several times the "Glorious" goal was in danger, but as often it was cleared and play transferred to the opposite end of the field. The "Ocean" men had slightly the better of the game so far and were pressing considerably. From a sustained attack Skinner scored for the "Ocean," and his effort was loudly cheered. Emboldened by their success the "Ocean" men started with renewed vigour and their success was responded to by the "Glorious" some smart work was shown. "How will the Navy V.R.C. show against such play as this?" asked a bystander. "They'll be beaten out of sight," was the reply.

After the interval the "Glorious" came with a fine run, which completely upset their opponents and within a few seconds of the resumption of play they had scored. They were better the "Ocean" men. The goal play remained for a spell, the attack being continuous. The defence was sound and three times the ball was sent up field. The "Glorious" forwards came back each time and Whitley shot the second goal, which was added to the second last by Drury. Still the "Ocean" remained on the defence and some neat foot work was shown by them. Drury scored the fourth goal from a pass by Bell. The "Glorious" were playing a fine game, neat, clean, and vigorous, and it was no wonder that the Post Office, which was not at all slow, thought the "Glorious" were doing them. However, the latter still greatly struggled, and cleared their goal. They changed the character of the game and made a sharp attack on the "Glorious" goal-keeper, who failed to stop a long shot by Vaughan, and the "Ocean" scored again. In the end, they kept up the pressure, and the "Ocean" could do nothing further and lost a much better to 11 by four goals to two. One of the "Glorious" backs, severely hurt his shoulder during the game, but still continued to play. At the conclusion of the match he was ordered to the Naval hospital.

Hongkong Football Shield.

HONGKONG V. V.R.C.

The Hongkong Football Club and the Victoria Recreation Club will meet for the third time to play off their tie in the Shield Competition at Happy Valley to-morrow at 4.15.

The following eleven will represent the Hongkong club:
Goal F. Kow; Backs, W. G. Leckie and G. H. Marshall; Halves, H. E. Gray, L. W. C. McDonald, and E. F. Abbott; Forwards, R. Marshall, and T. E. Pearce. W. H. Wilson, the author, and H. L. Garrett, Corporal Bass will again be referee.

HOME SPORT.

Football.

The results of the football matches up to January 21 place four teams in the first division of the League Championship with an equal number of points. Newcastle United (20 points for 22 games) are leading; South Heath (20 points for 22 games) are second; Everton (20 points for 23 games) are third; and Sheffield United (20 points for 24 games each) are next. Notts County, one point below Middlesex, are last.

The results on January 21 were:—
Wolverhampton Wanderers, 4 goals; Sheffield Wednesday, 2; Aston Villa, 0; Everton, 1; Preston North End, 1; Manchester City, 3; Sheffield United, 0; South Heath, 1; Newcastle United, 0; Blackburn Rovers, 0; Notts Forest, 0; Bury, 1; Sunderland, 0; Notts County, 0; Middlesex, 1; Derby County, 0.

A. F. Tebbitt has won the 1905 Amateur Skating Championship of England. This is the fourth time in succession that Tebbitt has won, and his successive victories constitute a record.

The International cross-country race between English and French teams which was run over an eight mile course at St. Omer, France on January 22, was won by the English team by 29 points to 65.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The steamers "Wyfield" and "Burlingame" have been condemned in Japan.

The work of refloating the Russian men-of-war at Port Arthur will soon be started.

The German steamer "Marie Johnson" has been sold to the Chuyosai Kisen Kaisha and renamed "Gyo Maru."

The total number of lives lost by the sinking of the "Natoriwaka Maru" at Osaka was 114, including 17 of the crew.

Captain Moses of the N.Y.K.S. "Yamato Maru" has been appointed to the command of the Company's new and largest steamer, "Tango Maru."

The E. A. S. Co.'s "Manchuria" has been renamed the "Kwantia Maru," the G. E. B. Co.'s "Manchuria" "Manchu Maru," and the "Fuping," "Chosen Maru."

Experts report that most of the Russian ship at Port Arthur can be raised and used. The fact that the vessels were sunk at the time made it impossible to bring them up thoroughly before the surrender.

The large four-masted steamer "Macquarie" made a run out to sea yesterday, and the island yesterday, and attained the very satisfactory speed of 14.1 knots per hour on the admiralty two knots distance. She has had an extensive overhaul of the boilers, main and auxiliary engines, and deck machinery by Messrs G. Fox and Co., Ltd., all of which have given the best results.

Sir Joseph Banales gave his decision in London on January 3rd in the case of Roca v. Dowell, which was a claim for damages and wages by a seaman against the registered owner of the steamship "Hackney," which sailed from Penarth, ostensibly for Hongkong, with a cargo of Welsh coal, but instead she proceeded to Nagasaki and discharged her cargo under the supervision of Japanese naval officers, and was eventually sold to the Japanese Government. The claim for damages was based on the allegation that the vessel carried contraband, and the seaman was extra paid. Sir Joseph decided against the seaman, but expressed his willingness to state a case.

Salvage of the "Sully."

Mr. J. W. Jameson and a party left Hongkong by the s.s. "Hansa" this afternoon for the scene of the wreck of the large French cruiser "Sully." The party included Mr. J. Ross and Mr. G. Smith, members of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's staff, and they take with them a large quantity of salvage gear such as will be necessary for the successful salvage of so large a vessel.

Mr. Jameson says that the "Sully" is already very badly damaged and is full of water fore and aft. She is at present fast on a pinnacle of rock and the chance of salvaging her depends almost entirely on the weather. If it is fine, she enters hopes of getting her off, but if rough, it is extremely probable that she will break up. He thinks that if she is not got off this time the "Sully's" fate is sealed.

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SUBSCRIBERS to the REGISTER BOOK for 1905 should notify the undersigned on or before March 10th. NEWMAN MUMFORD, Surveyor to Lloyd's Register, Hongkong. Hongkong, February 28, 1905. 426

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS will be held in the ROOMS, No. 3, Des Vaux Road, TO-DAY, the 28th February, at 8.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Managing Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Year 1904.

J. F. MILLER, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, February 28, 1905. 415

ASSOCIATION OF YORKSHIREMEN IN HONGKONG & CHINA.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will take place at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 18th of March. Yorkshiremen intending to be present are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

As decided by the Parent Society the term "Yorkshiremen" includes the following:—(1) A person born in Yorkshire; (2) A person of Yorkshire parentage on either side; (3) A person identified by residence with the County of York.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, February 28, 1905. 427

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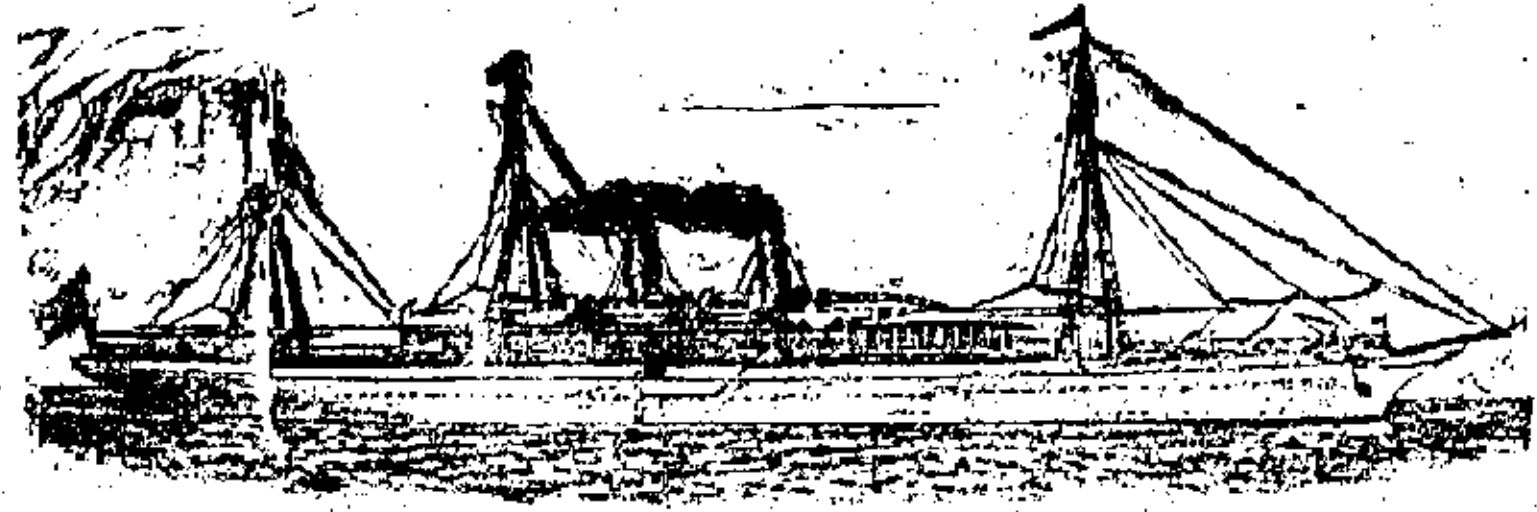
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ULYSES	16th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ULYSES	19th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ULYSES	22nd March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ULYSES	25th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	ULYSES	28th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	14th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	20th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	26th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	31st March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	6th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	12th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	18th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	24th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	30th April.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMSHIP	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and PUNISSEY	1st March.	
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	24th March.	

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 22, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
SWATOW, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	CHIEF	14th March.
PORT DARWIN, THURS- DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	CHANGSHA	13th March.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered
by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table.
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
* Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze & Northern China Ports.
* Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand and other
Australian Ports.
S.S. REDUCED SALOON FARES, Single and Return, To Manila and
Australian Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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AGENTS.

Hongkong, February 28, 1905.

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila. Sailing—Surgeon
—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon
—Stewardess carried. All the most up-to-date arrange-
ments for comfort of Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captains.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2640	R. Rodger	Manila	Mar. 4, at 10 a.m.
RUBI	2640	R. W. Almond	Manila	Mar. 11, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 26, 1905.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF
STEAMERS.HONGKONG DIRECT (or via CHEFOO or CHIN-WAN-TAO) to
DURBAN, NATAL.

THE following Chartered Steamers will run at Intervals of about 3 Weeks—

S.S. SWANLEY	.....	Captain	J. P. DAWSON
S.S. CORNFIELD	.....	.....	J. W. MARTIN
S.S. GRANLEY	.....	.....	W. E. STELL
S.S. IRRAL	.....	.....	M. ROBINSON
S.S. ASCOT	.....	.....	C. E. COX
S.S. LOTHIAN	.....	.....	J. G. WHITMAN
S.S. INKUM	.....	.....	E. S. PEARCE
S.S. SIAH	.....	.....	J. ROSELEY
S.S. BOPALA	.....	.....	GEORGE STEPHEN
S.S. INDRAVELLI	.....	.....	R. P. CLARKE
S.S. SEALDA	.....	.....	J. COLLINGS
S.S. CATHERINE PARK	.....	.....	GEORGE BROWN
S.S. INKULA	.....	.....	CORP. DEAN

For Freight, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 9, 1905.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS	JAVA PORTS.	First half March.	JAPAN, VIA SHANGHAI.	First half March.
TJILATJAP	JAPAN.	Second half February.	JAVA PORTS.	Second half February.
TJIMAH	JAPAN.	First half March.	JAVA PORTS.	First half March.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accom-
modation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports
in Netherlands, India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

HEAD AGENCY,

Java-China-Japan Lijn,

TELEPHONE No. 375.
Hongkong, February 2, 1905.

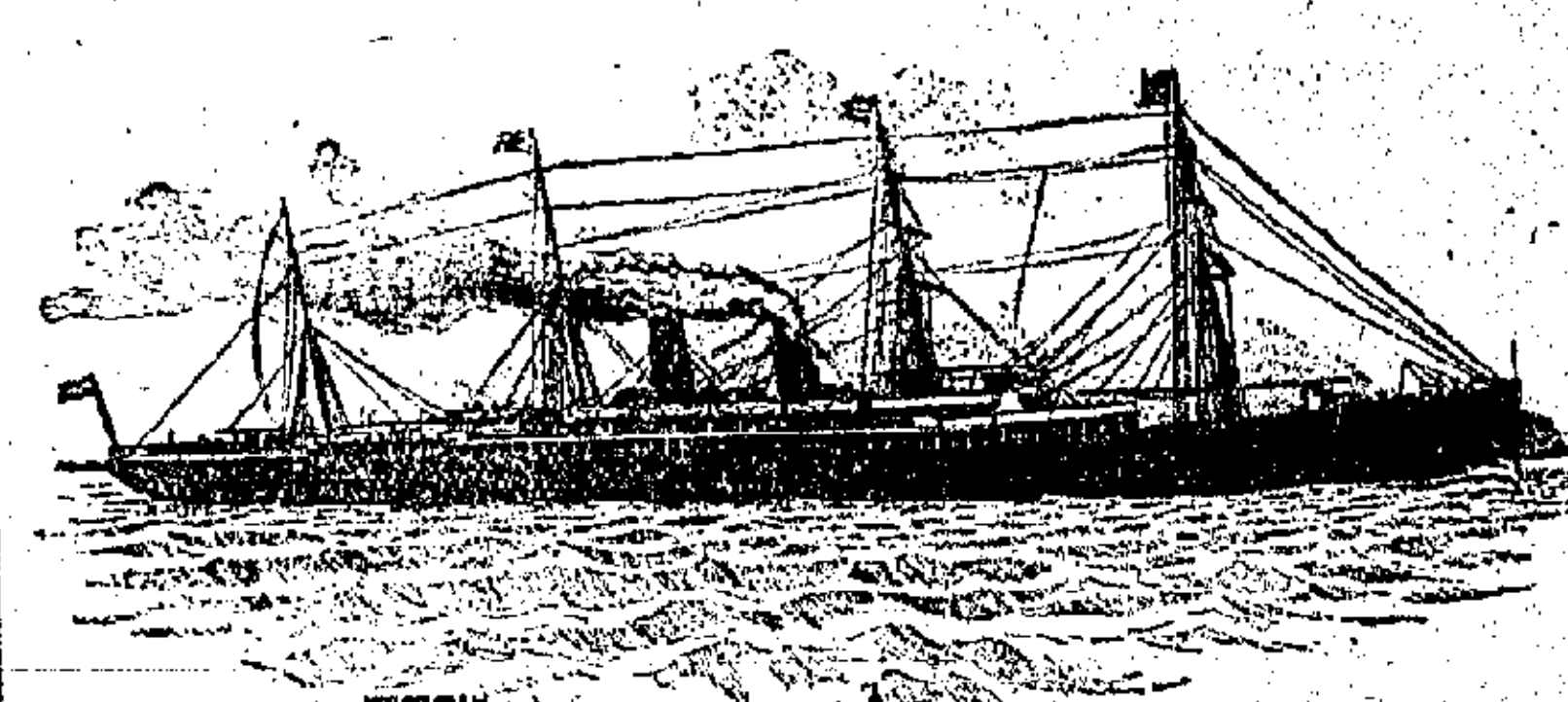
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TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA,
AND EUROPE.Only line taking the warm Southern Route across the Pacific, via Honolulu,
the most fertile and beautiful island of the Pacific.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

DORIC	4,784 Gross Tons.	SATURDAY, 11th March, at Noon.
KOREA	1,270	FRIDAY, 24th March, at Noon.
COITIC	1,270	TUESDAY, 4th April, at Noon.
SIBERIA	11,284	SATURDAY, 15th April, at Noon.
MONGOLIA	13,638	TUESDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
CHINA	5,000	SATURDAY, 6th May, at Noon.
MANCHURIA	13,638	TUESDAY, 16th May, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. KOREA, 11,276 tons, Oct.
18th-24th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.THE P. M. Steamship DORIC will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONO-
LULU, on SATURDAY, the 11th March, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United
States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point enroute.
SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of
China and Japan Governments.Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and to ports in Mexico, Central and
South America, by the Company and connecting Steamers.For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, February 28, 1905.

MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, DA- VIA, COLOMBO, INDIA.
ADEN, EGYPT, MAR-

SEILLES, LONDON,
HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN, AND
BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship

CALEDONIE.

Captain ROCHER will be despatched for
MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 7th
March, 1905, at 1 p.m.Passage Tickets and through Bills of
Lading issued for above ports.Cargo also booked for principal places in
Europe.

Next Sailings will be as follows—

S.S. OCEANIC March 21, 1905.

S.S. TOULON April 4, 1905.

S.S. TONIN April 18, 1905.

L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1905.

REGULAR
STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW
YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

With Liberty to Call at MALABAR COAST.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

STEAMERS TO SAIL 1905.

RICHMOND CASTLE About Mar. 7.

SAINT PILLANS About Mar. 21.

LOWTHER CASTLE About April 18.

For Freight and further information,
Apply toDODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 24, 1905.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,
INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITER-
RANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.Through Bills of Lading issued for BAIR-
VIA, PERSIAN GULF, COM-
TINENTAL, AMERICAN AND
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.THE Steamship BENGAL, Captain
G. PHILLIPS, carrying His Ma-
jesty's Mail, will be despatched from
this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the
11th March, at Noon, taking Passen-
gers and Cargo for the above Ports in con-
nection with the Company's s.s. Oceania
6,516 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' ac-
commodation in which vessel is secured
before departure from Hongkong.
Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into the mail
steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and
London; other cargo for London, &c., will
be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S.
Paris, due in London on the 25th April,
1905.Parcels will be received at this Office
until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The
contents and value of all packages are
required.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 23, 1905.

Not Responsible for Debts.

NEITHER the Captain, the Agents,
Owners will be Responsible for
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew
the following Vessels during their
Hongkong Harbour—FOREST HALL, British Steamship, Capt.
P. A. Loxton—Standard Oil Co.INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

YUENSANG.

Captain P. H. ROSE, will be despatched
above on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March,
at 3 p.m.

For Freight, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 25, 1905.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

HAITAN.

Captain ROSE will be despatched for
the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd
March, at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS, LAPRAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 27, 1905.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

TOURANE.

Captain ROSE will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about MONDAY, the
6th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, February 27, 1905.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at MANILA, PORT DARWIN and
QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through
Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

EASTERN.

Captain W. ELIS, will be despatched for
the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 11th
March, at Noon.This well-known Steamer is specially
fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrig-
erating Chamber, which ensures the supply of
Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the
voyage.This Steamer is installed throughout with
the Electric Light.A duly qualified Surgeon and Stewardess
are carried.N.B.—To assure the additional comfort
of passengers, the steamers of the Company
have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 21, 1905.

SHIRE LINE STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

MERIONETHSHIRE.

Captain C. H. BRUCE, will be despatched
for the above ports on or about MONDAY,
20th March.This Steamer has superior Accommoda-
tion for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 25, 1905.

